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OF

BERKELEY'S

SPEECH

TO THE

CORPORATION

OF

TRINITY-HOUSE

AT

DEPTFORD,

UPON

Trinity-Munday, 1680.

When His Lordſhip was Elected

MASTER

BY A

General and Unanimous Vote,

Nemine Contradicente.

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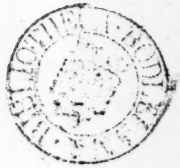

The EARL OF *BERKELEY'S* SPEECH TO THE CORPORATION OF *TRINITY-HOUSE* AT DEPTFORD, UPON *Trinity-Munday*, 1680.

GENTLEMEN,

I Return you my hearty Thanks for this Extraordinary Testimony of your Respect

and Kindneſs, in Electing me your Maſter for the year enſuing; and that which adds to the favour is, that I was ſo lately choſen firſt a Younger, and then an Elder Brother of this moſt Worthy Society.

I muſt profeſs to You, I have for many years had a great value for thoſe who have relation to Sea affairs; and eſteem it much my happineſs, that for ſo long a time I have had Relation to, and Converſation with Deſerving Seamen and Traders.

Omne tulit punctum qui miſcuit Utile Dulci.

I am ſure I ſhall ſerve you in this Imployment with all Faithfulneſs and Integrity, to the beſt of my Power, and ſhall endeavour

vour to improve the utmoſt Intereſt I can ever pretend to in the Favour of his Gracious Majeſty, our Great and moſt excellent good Maſter, and in his Miniſters, and other his good Loyal Subjects, as may beſt conduce to your Advantage and Service; and although I cannot pretend to much Skill and Knowledge in Maritine Affairs; yet I ſhall make it my buſineſs to increaſe my Knowledge in ſuch a degree, as may render me moſt capable of Serving You: And ſo I do again return you Thanks for this Great Reſpect You have now ſhewed Me.

When his Lordſhip reſigned up his Place of Maſter, on Trinity-Munday *this preſent Year* 1681. *his Lordſhip delivered himſelf to the Effect following.*

GENTLE-

GENTLEMEN,

I Return You many Thanks for your Extraordinary Kindneſs to me, in Chuſing me your Maſter for the Year paſt.

I now Recommend my worthy Deputy, Captain *Nichols*, to ſucceed me. I have Served you with all Faithfulneſs; and if my Knowledge in your Concerns had been as Great as my Affection for you, I might juſtly have ſaid, without bragging, that no Maſter has ever Served you better, becauſe I am ſure no Maſter ever loved you better.

I am very glad it was my Honour and Happineſs to attend you in preſenting the late Addreſs to his

his Majeſty, * who is not only the Sovereign of the Seas, but the Great Maſter in the Art of Navigation, and a moſt Bountiful Rewarder of all our Services. That Loyal Addreſs being ſo well Accepted, I hope you will Receive the Fruits and Benefits of it.

Worthy Gentlemen, I have had the Title of your Maſter for a Year, but I ſhall continue an Elder Brother, and your true Friend and Servant all my whole Life. I pray God to Bleſs and Proſper you in all your affairs both by Sea and by Land.

* The KING'S Character.

He loves his People, and their Faith Defends;
The beſt of Maſters, and the beſt of Friends.
Patient though wronged, never to Paſſion driven;
Juſt as His Laws, and merciful as Heaven.

THE END.

The Names of those Elder Brethren of Trinity-House *that Sign'd the Addreſs they made to His* Majeſty *the* 15th *of* May, 1681.

The Earl of *Berkeley* Maſter.
Captain *Simon Nichols* D. Maſter.

The Earl of *Craven.*
Sir *Joſeph Jordan.*
Sir *Rich. Browne.*
Sir *Matthew Andrews.*
Samuel Pepys Eſq;
Capt. *Henry Low.*
Capt. *Anth. Tuchen.*
Capt. *Henry Mudd.*
Capt. *Hugh Till.*
Capt. *Francis Wilſhaw.*
Capt. *Henry Sheere.*
Capt. *Robert Fiſher.*
Capt. *James Bonnell.*
Sir *Richard Haddock.*
Sir *John Narbrough.*
Sir *Thomas Allin.*
Sir *John Berry.*
Capt. *Hen. Tiddeman.*
Capt. *John Nichols.*
Capt. *Simon Bayly.*
Capt. *Iſaac Woodgreen.*
Capt. *John Hill.*
Capt. *John Proud.*
Capt. *Tho. Collier.*
Capt. *Tho. Brown.*
Capt. *Anth. Young.*
Capt. *Arnold Browne.*

There were only the two following Gentlemen who were then at Sea that did not Sign, *viz.*

Capt. *Samuel Chamblet.*
Capt. *Chr. Gunman.*

The Humble

ADDRESS

OF THE

CORPORATION

OF

TRINITY-HOUSE.

Windſor, May 15. 1681.

This day the Right Honourable *George* Earl of *Berkeley*, Maſter of the Corporation of the *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford-Strond*; in company with the Wardens, Aſſiſtants, and Elder-Brethren of the ſaid Corporation, attended His MAJESTY here, with an ADDRESS, Introduced by his Lordſhip, with a Speech to the Effect following.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

WE your *Majeſties* moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, do in all Humility acknowledge, that your Majeſty has been moſt Gracious to all your Subjects; very particularly to Traders, and to thoſe who have had the Honour to be employed in your Maritine affairs. None of your Predeceſſors (*SIR*,) have ever been pleaſed to give us ſo much Countenance and Encouragement as your Majeſty has done; and therefore we hope, you will pleaſe to pardon us, if we put ſome value upon our ſelves for having received ſuch Signal marks of your Grace and Favour to us.

SIR,

Your great Goodneſs gives us the preſumption of making this Humble Addreſs to your Majeſty; which we beg may be now Read.

The Addreſs was by His Majeſties Command accordingly Read, in the Terms following, viz.

To

To the King's moſt Excellent MAJESTY!

THE HUMBLE

ADDRESS

OF THE

Maſter, Wardens, Aſſiſtants and *Elder-Brethren* of the Corporation of the *Trinity-Houſe* of *Deptford-Strond*,

SHEWETH,

THat we your Majeſtie's moſt Loyal and Dutiful Subjects, the Body Corporate of the Seamen and Mariners of this your Kingdom of *England*, having taken into ſerious conſideration your Majeſtie's moſt Gracious Declaration, wherein you have been lately pleaſed to give to all your good Subjects an aſſurance of your Royal Purpoſes of calling frequent Parliaments, and employing your utmoſt Endeavours (both in and out of Parliament) towards

towards the Extirpation of Popery, Redreſſing and Prevention of Grievances, and Governing in all things according to the Laws of this your Kingdom; Do with all Humility return Our moſt humble Thanks to your moſt Sacred Majeſty, for this your ſo Gracious Condeſcention to the juſt and ample ſatisfaction of all your Loyal Subjects; acknowledging it likewiſe the eſpecial Duty of this Corporation, to declare to the World your Majeſtie's Royal and unwearied Care, both in the general promotion of all Matters conducing to the Proſperity and Improvement of the *Navigation* and *Trade* of this your Kingdom; and in the particular inſtance lately given thereof by your Majeſty, in your Royal Endeavours for the preſervation of your City and Port of *Tangier*, in the midſt of ſo many Difficulties, and at ſo great Expence.

And we do moſt Humbly beſeech your Majeſty to accept of the Aſſurances which we here in all Duty tender you, of the utmoſt Effects of Our conſtant and ſincere Alle-

Allegiance to your Majeſty, under your moſt Gracious Government, both in Church and State, as it is now by Law Eſtabliſhed: Adding in all Humility, That as it has already been the Honour of very many your Faithful Subjects, Members of this Corporation, to have hazarded their Lives in your Majeſtie's Service on the Seas, ſo do we (according to our Oaths) unanimouſly Tender to your moſt Excellent Majeſty (as to the beſt of *PRINCES*) the future Command of our Lives and Fortunes, in the defence of your moſt Sacred Majeſty, your Heirs and Succeſſors; Zealouſly praying to Almighty God, to grant your Majeſty a Long and Proſperous Reign over Us, with a Laſting, Peaceable and Right Succeſſion to your Royal Throne, according to Law.

His Majeſty was pleaſed to expreſs His Gracious acceptance thereof to this Effect.

My

My LORD,

I Thank you kindly and heartily for This Addreſs, and ſhall not be wanting to perform My part. And as I have always been a Friend to the Navigation and Seamen of England, *you may aſſure your ſelves I ſhall ever be ſo.*

THE END.